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ANCIENT YORK AND LONDON GRAND LODGES.

BY BRO. LEON HYNEMAN.

A REVIEW BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

(Continued from page 728.)

We are really sorry that the author of so many useful works has thought fit to speak of Dr. Anderson in such terms, especially when we know he cannot be in possession of any evidence to warrant such a strong description of the character of the work in question. If there is any meanness, it must be in Bro. Hyneman's own inferences. The London Masons never assumed that the light of Masonry only shone in their metropolis; that its rays radiated from that centre, and that the privilege to exercise the rights and franchises of Masonry was solely vested in the London Craft, in the Grand Lodge they had instituted. We think, also, that before any one is authorised to state so, *he should be ready to produce satisfactory evidence of its truth.* The pretty story about York and Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1567, may be accepted as authentic by those who are ready at all times to swallow anything apocryphal, but for our part, and in common with Masonic students generally, we desire some proof at least of the truth of the "1567 story" before receiving it as a true description of the Craft at that period. Preston quotes it, and we note his authority is sufficient for Bro. Hyneman then, if not at other times. There has, however, been no confirmation offered of the statement, and in the records of the extinct Grand Lodge such an occurrence is not once mentioned; neither is it noticed in the celebrated speech by the Junior Grand Warden, A.D. 1726, which we had reprinted in our "*Masonic Sketches and Reprints*" (page 106).

At page 31 Bro. Hyneman characterizes an action, *the import of which he misunderstands*, as "a most wicked and malicious deception, a vile, dishonourable, and contemptibly mean resort to further their selfish, ambitious designs." Such a grave accusation from some men would be serious indeed; but in this case, as the writer perpetrates several more *quite as grave and quite as unfounded*, we simply notice the fact, and express regret that the author of the calumnies had not examined the matter a little more before committing himself to libel good and useful

men who, with all their faults, endeavoured each in his own way to advance the interests of the Fraternity; and who, though in their misguided and misdirected zeal did often go astray, yet on the whole are entitled to our regard and esteem for their honorary and arduous labours. The six regulations quoted by Bro. Hyneman (page 33) have no force, as the term *Grand Master* is not in the original MSS., and no reference whatever is made to any part of England; but evidently the laws were for the whole body. The MSS. is quoted in full in our last work ("Old Charges of British Freemasons"). An inference, supposed to be fairly drawn from Dr. Anderson's work, is styled "most malicious" (page 39). The purity of Sir Christopher Wren's life, Bro. Hyneman tells us, "was never tarnished, and, with the exception of Anderson, no reflection was ever cast upon his fair fame." The fault we find with Dr. Anderson in this case is not according to Bro. Hyneman's view at all. As to Sir Christopher Wren's neglect of the office of Grand Master, *he never held such an office*; nor, indeed, did any one, until Bro. Sayer, A.D. 1717; and so it is inaccurate to declare he did. We get Bro. Hyneman's special view of the subject at page 44, wherein he states most emphatically that the "real cause of the difficulties, the reference to illegal assemblies of Masons in subsequent years, of lodges not meeting, &c., was that there were lodges and Masons in London holding their allegiance to the York Grand Lodge that would not countenance the new London Grand Lodge. There was no actual schism in 1738, as Anderson, Preston, and recent writers assume." These absurd statements convince us that Bro. Hyneman does not understand the true state of the case, and is quite ignorant of a few facts respecting this period, which are known to all Masons in this country and the United States who study the history of the Craft. Until A.D. 1779 there were no Masons working in London under the authority of the Grand Lodge of all England held at York, and the schism of 1738 was an actual occurrence, recorded in the minutes, and palpably to be traced from that time to the "Union of 1813." The "York Grand Lodge," or the successors thereof, did not form the Union in 1813, for such a body was not in existence; but the successors of the "seceders" of 1738 did unite with the Grand Lodge of England instituted A.D. 1717.

Bro. Hyneman next declares (in *italics*, to render it more emphatic) that "the story of a third Grand Lodge is wholly mythical." What can we say to this assertion? If Bro. Hyneman will call at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, Bro. Hervey, the able Grand Secretary, will show him the minutes of this mythical Grand Lodge from A.D. 1752, and he will find that in 1753 *its first Grand Master was installed!* If more evidence is required, we have printed Constitutions of this Grand Lodge from A.D. 1756 to A.D. 1813; and in the United States he can find several warrants issued under its sanction, such as at Philadelphia, (for Pennsylvania), during the same decade of that century. In neither of the Constitutions (or "*Ahiman Rezon*") is there any mention of a connection with the Grand Lodge of all England held at York. In fact, it never had any dealings with the York

Masons, although such has often been claimed. The York Grand Lodge *never* granted or issued any warrants to work lodges *out of England*; never constituted a Provincial Grand Lodge, either in England or elsewhere; and never published any edition of the Constitutions whatever, all its laws being in MS., copies of which may be found in our "*Masonic Sketches and Reprints*;"* so that neither Pennsylvania, nor any other Grand Lodge, can claim to be descendants of the "York Masons," but only of the seceding Masons of 1738, (and their successors,) who found a rival Grand Lodge in London A.D. 1753, (*not* in York, for a Grand Lodge was already actively engaged there,) or of the Grand Lodge of 1717.

It will thus be seen that there are now no lineal descendants of the Grand Lodge of all England held at York. The "York Lodge," No. 236, now existing, was warranted by the regular Grand Lodge of England, (London,) A.D. 1777, and was formerly called the "Union Lodge," but lately altered to "York," by permission of the Grand Master. This lodge has possession of the records of the extinct "Grand Lodge of all England," and never had any connection with the "Ancients." The fact is, that when the Lodge of Antiquity was constituted into a Grand Lodge for a few years, it made the fourth Grand Lodge in England at that time; hence, so far from a third Grand Lodge being mythical, there were actually four Grand Lodges. That such is a fact we pledge our Masonic reputation, and can produce evidence to satisfy the most exacting and most incredulous in proof of all the foregoing statements advanced by us. A great deal has been written on this subject that is wholly erroneous, and so we have devoted much of our spare time to unravel the mystery, in which attempt we have been most ably supported by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in this country; J. G. Findel, in Saxony; and other well-known authors in Europe and America.

We will not stop to prove that there was an actual schism in 1738, as we presume the foregoing is quite sufficient to render that fact certain. And the "Ancients" were in reality the schismatics, hence their secession. As Bro. Hyneman construes all the peculiarities of the period of the revival into so many proofs of collusion or deceit on the part of the promoters thereof, we cannot answer half of his apparent objection. *e.g.*, the election of Anthony Sayer as Grand Master, by "show of hands," is twisted to mean it was not unanimous? The summons of the first Grand Master being a command, it is considered "not to speak well for the fidelity of the Craft who inaugurated the revolution;" and, in consequence of these and similar usages, Bro. Hyneman "smiles at the observations of Laurence Dermott on the subject of the kind of Masonry worked by these early revolutionists." If Bro. Hyneman had only smiled, we would not have cared; but to put his thoughts into print is quite a different matter, and hence this article.

The next passage which is wholly wrong in Bro. Hyneman's work, is the following: "Preston

* We cannot forbear mentioning this work frequently, as we wrote it to supply a want long felt for light in York Masonry; and, as we have no pecuniary interest in its sale, the brethren will see our motives are for their good alone.

is the only authority that the York Grand Lodge ever claimed, much less 'retained,' the title of 'the Grand Lodge of all England.' All that Preston had written in regard to the distinctive titles of the York and London Grand Lodges is the mere imagination of his own brain, to give interest to his book." We might retort by asking why Bro. Hyneman has written his book; but we will not, as we are well aware he has published it to communicate what he believes to be the truth, but which we believe as firmly to be mainly untruth.

The foregoing paragraph by him is so clearly opposed to facts, that we can only excuse its publication on the plea of ignorance in relation to the subject. Bro. Preston knew well what he was writing about when he quoted the title, "Grand Lodge of all England," held at York, because the records had been submitted to his examination in which such a title often occurs. In a letter written by the Grand Secretary, at York, to the regular Grand Lodge of England, held at London, we read:—"That the Grand Secretary do inform the Grand Lodge in London that the lodge heretofore held under their Constitution, No. 259, at the Punch Bowl, in Stonegate, has been for some years discontinued, and that the most ancient Grand Lodge of all England, held from time immemorial in this city, is the only lodge held therein." * * "It is not doubted but the Grand Lodge in London will pay due respect thereto, and to all brethren praying instruction or relief by virtue thereof, as this lodge has ever had a very great esteem* for that in London, and for all brethren claiming privilege under its authority." * * * "This Grand Lodge will readily concur with that in London, and will pay all proper respect to any information that shall be communicated by it. The Grand Master, Grand Officers, and the other brethren present, join in brotherly respects and hearty commendations to the Right Worshipful and Most Noble Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and other brethren of the Grand Lodge in London, with

"Your faithful and affectionate brother,

"D^D. LAMBERT, Grand Secretary.

"To Samuel Spencer, Esq., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in London."

We may say now, "Is it answered yet," Bro. Hyneman? The foregoing letter is dated 14th December, 1757, and the full epistle is to be found on pages 69 and 70 of "Masonic Sketches and Reprints." The Grand Master of all England (York) at that time was Seth Agar, Esq., and of the Grand Lodge of England (London) His Grace the Duke of Beaufort. It is evident from this that the two Grand Lodges were on friendly terms, and therefore, a priori, we should expect the York authorities would not countenance the seceders, or "Ancients."

There is a list preserved at York "of the members' names, who revived the Grand Lodge of all England in 1761." It languished for a few years before then, and hence the revival under the historian, Francis Drake, F.R.S.

*This is clearly evinced from this Grand Lodge actually adopting as their own the London Constitutions of 1723, and since, in addition to their special laws which passed occasionally.

The Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar for all England was also worked at York under the wing of the Grand Lodge of all England, as also Grand Chapter, during the latter part of the last century, but not before. There is a certificate of date 26th January, 1779, (to 29th November), of five degrees of Freemasonry under the Grand Lodge of all England, and signed by the Grand Secretary, "John Brown." There is (1) a "Schedule of the Regalia, &c., of the Grand Lodge of all England," Sept. 15th, 1779; (2) a Royal Arch Minute Book commencing 8th February, 1778; (3) a Minute Book from 27th December, 1774, to 31st July, 1780, of the Grand Lodge; (4) an advertisement in the York papers of the Annual Festival, A.D. 1777; (5) a letter to the Lodge of Antiquity, 19th October, 1778; (6) a funeral notice of 4th February, 1780; (7) a Warrant to Companions at Rotherham, 6th July, 1780; and (8) another to Freemasons at Hollingwood; beside numerous other documents, on the whole of which "The Grand Lodge of all England" is invariably the title used. We hope after this statement (we feel sure, in fact) that Bro. Hyneman will withdraw his inaccurate statement. Bro. Hyneman keeps on reiterating the charge that Preston wrote in the interest of the London Grand Lodge, and yet the edition of Preston's Illustrations, from which he quotes, was originally written when Bro. Preston was not a member of that Grand Lodge, he being, with others, expelled, and not reinstated until A.D. 1790. Bro. Hyneman does not state the edition he refers to, but we know it from two quotations, which he says "it was as reprehensible as it was dishonourable" in Dr. Oliver to omit from his reprint. Now, these were omitted in the subsequent edition by Preston and Jones, which edition Bro. Oliver reprinted, and not the earlier ones, because naturally the latter were selected, after being perfected by Preston and his friend Stephen Jones. If Bro. Hyneman will refer to the edition of A.D. 1821, he will find the two paragraphs are omitted, just as they are by Dr. Oliver, A.D. 1829, and since; so we have again to ask Bro. Hyneman to withdraw the serious charge of imposition he brings against so learned and good a divine and Mason as the Rev. Dr. George Oliver.

Bro. Hyneman, in speaking of the unmasonic invasion of the rights and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge at York, observes that "There are no words in any language that can properly express the flagrant enormity of the conduct of the London Grand Lodge in a moral or Masonic point of view," especially as the "York Grand Lodge displayed a most Masonic and fraternal policy in giving no umbrage." Well, now; so much for fancy! No language can accurately describe the foregoing production of Bro. Hyneman; and why? Simply because it is purely apocryphal. What the Grand Lodge at London did, the one at York did, viz: they both invaded each other's jurisdictions; hence, each "living in glass houses, neither should throw stones."

That the "illegal conventions of Masons" from about A.D. 1734 were not those of "regular bodies of Masons holding under the York Grand Lodge," is evident from the records of both Grand Bodies; but these Bro. Hyneman

ignores, so it is for the Craft to choose the authority, Grand Lodges of "All England" and "England" v. Leon Hyneman. There can be but one opinion. Because Dr. Anderson spoke of the Freemasons at York, Scotland, Ireland, France, Italy, &c., as "effecting independency," (or claiming to be independent,) Bro. Hyneman styles the "arrogance to be of so insolent and impudent a character, that if it were not of so serious a nature he could smile at the bold effrontery in stating such audacious falsehoods." We could smile at the author of this calumny, were he unknown, and his works unread; but as it is otherwise, we deeply lament so respected and talented a member of our Masonic society has thought fit to malign the character of Dr. Anderson.

(To be continued.)

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT HARRINGTON.

On Tuesday, 12th November, a new Craft Lodge was opened at Harrington. The brethren assembled shortly before twelve o'clock at Eller Bank (kindly placed at their disposal by Bro. Bain), where luncheon was served.

At twelve o'clock they were formed into procession by Bro. Edward Fearoon, P.G. Dir. of Cers., and proceeded thence to church, where divine service was performed, the Rev. E. H. Curwen reading the prayers, and Bro. Alfred Curwen, M.A., P.G.C., preaching from Ecclesiastes, 4th chapter, 9th and 10th verses:—"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, then one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, for he hath not another to help him up."

Divine service being concluded, the brethren were then re-formed in procession in the same order as before, and proceeded thence to the lodge-room, formerly used as a schoolroom, but now placed at the disposal of the brethren through the kindness of the Rector.

Here the ceremony of the consecration of the new lodge was most efficiently performed (in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. C. and W.) by Bro. John Whitwell, M.P., P.M. 129, &c., W.D.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, and R.W.P.G.W. of England, assisted by Bro. Edward Busher, P.G.S.B. of England, and P.G.S. of Cumberland and Westmorland; Bro. A. C. Mott, R.N.R., P.G.S.W.; Bro. E. W. Henry, M.D., P.J.G.W.; Bro. Rev. Alfred Curwen, M.A., W.M. Designate, and P.G.C.; Bro. W. B. Gibson, P. Prov. G.W.; Bro. C. Morton, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. Nicholson, of Maryport, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. Edward Fearon, P.G.D. of Ceremonies; Bro. Rev. H. L. Puxley, P. Prov. G.C.; Bro. Rev. W. Williams, P. Prov. G.C.; Bro. John Lemon, P.G.T.; Bro. John Spittal, P.G.S. of W.; Bro. Greer, Belfast, and others.

The new lodge is called the Curwen Lodge, as a mark of respect to the family who bear that honoured name, some of the members of which have for ages past ranked amongst the foremost Freemasons in Cumberland.

Immediately after the consecration service,

Bro. Rev. Alfred Curwen, *M.A.*, was duly installed as W.M. of the Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, and he thereupon appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year. The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren adjourned for a short time in order to allow of tables being laid in the lodge-room for a banquet.

At four o'clock they re-assembled, when a sumptuous dinner was well served by Bro. Hullock, of the Station Hotel, Workington. The chair was occupied by Bro. Whitwell, *M.P.*, W.D.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, supported right and left by Bro. Rev. Alfred Curwen, W.M. 1400; Bro. Edward Busher, P.G.S.B. of England, P.G.S.; Bro. Rev. Joshua Tyson, P. Prov. G.C.; Bro. Weir, and others. The vice-chair was filled by Bro. A. C. Mott, *R.N.R.*, P.S.G.W., supported by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P. Prov. G.W.; Bros. Pearson, Cockermouth, and others. Besides a large gathering of the brethren, there were present the Rev. E. Curwen, Bro. Bain, and others unconnected with the Craft, and a number of ladies.

Grace before and after meat was said by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

Dinner being over, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, responded to by the Rev. E. Curwen; Bro. the Rev. Alfred Curwen, W.M. 1400, proposed "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," to which the Chairman and Vice-Chairman responded; the Chairman then gave the Lord-Lieutenant (Lord Lonsdale), which was cordially drank; and the "Friendly Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Bain, jun. The ladies and those not Freemasons then withdrew, and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Bro. Busher, and a large number of others were obliged to leave, in order to catch the last train home.

On their retirement, which was the signal for repeated rounds of cheering (those remaining much regretting that the brethren from a distance were obliged to leave so early), the chair was ably filled by Bro. Rev. Alfred Curwen, W.M. 1400, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The health of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of England, and the Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland were proposed from the chair; as was also the health of the Provincial Officers, to which Bro. Rev. W. Williams, P.P.G.C., responded.

The health of the Chairman (Bro. Rev. Alfred Curwen, W.M. 1400) was proposed by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P. Prov. G.W., who, in doing so, stated that he had peculiar pleasure in proposing the toast, not only on account of the proceedings of that day, but from the fact that he had had the honour of initiating Brother Curwen as a Freemason many years ago. He believed that the work in which they had that day been engaged would be the means of disseminating the glorious principles of Freemasonry, and that the establishment of a lodge at Harrington would give additional impetus to the spread of those principles throughout West Cumberland.

Brother Curwen responded in appropriate terms, expressing his gratitude to Brother Gibson, and the rest of the brethren present, or who had been present during the day, for their attendance.

The Chairman next proposed the health of Bro. Rev. H. L. Puxley, P. Prov. G.C., who responded.

Bro. Gibson, P. Prov. G.W., gave "The officers of Lodge 1400," coupled with the names of the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Young and Carlyle, Bro. Dr. Dick (Secretary), Bro. Rev. Joshua Tyson (Chaplain), and Bro. Gambles, all of whom responded.

The Chairman then gave "The Workington Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Brown, and the "The Whitehaven Lodges," coupled with the name of Bro. Henry, P.M. 119, P.J. G.W., both of whom responded.

He then proposed "The Press," coupled with the name of Bro. Alsop, who responded; and afterwards the Tyler's toast, when the proceedings terminated.

CONSECRATION OF AN ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AT STOCKTON.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., the Mount Grace Encampment, No. 118, of the Royal, Exalted, Religious, and Military Order of Masonic Knights Templar in England and Wales, was consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton.

Amongst the visitors present were the following Sir Knights:—C. I. Bannister, Bradford, Past Grand Captain; Wm. Foulsham, P.E.C.; Anthony Clapham, Newcastle, P.E.C.; William Brignal, jun., Durham, P.E.C.; Edward Heffernan, Spennymoor; J. S. Trotter, Newcastle, and others.

The encampment was summoned for one o'clock, and on the arrival of the Grand Chancellor, Sir Patrick Colquhoun, *Q.C.*, *LL.D.*, accompanied by the Grand Vice-Chancellor, Sir Knight William Tinkler, the encampment was opened by the Grand Chancellor in due form, after which the Grand Chancellor addressed those present on the nature of the meeting, and called upon the Registrar to read the warrant, after which, and the usual ceremonies, the Grand Chancellor dedicated and consecrated the encampment, and called upon the Knights present to promote its prosperity.

Then followed the installation of Sir Knight John Trotter, as Eminent Commander. The ballot was then taken for the following companions, who were unanimously accepted:—Anthony C. Knowles, Joseph Morrell, James W. Marshall, John E. MacNay, John Jones, Christopher Jackson, Henry George Faber, Charles I'Anson, jun., William M. Watson, Lord Ernest McDonnell Vane Tempest, Thomas Vaughan, Charles A. Head, James Bowron, jun., Thomas Wrightson, John Ross, Robert A. Luck, John Morrell, and John Trenholm.

The above were duly installed Knights Templar by Sir Knight C. I. Bannister, assisted by Sir Knight W. Foulsham.

The bye laws of the encampment, which had been carefully prepared, and approved by the Grand Chancellor, were then taken as read, and approved and confirmed.

Sir Knight the Rev. James Milner, *M.A.*, of Beauseant Encampment, 105, and Sir Knight William C. Ward-Jackson, of the Royal Kent

Encampment, 20, were then ballotted for, and admitted members of the Encampment.

The Eminent Commander nominated the following officers:—Prelate, Sir Knight the Rev. J. Milner; First Captain of Columns, Sir Knight the Rev. V. H. Moyle, *M.A.*; Second Captain Sir Knight J. S. Walton, *M.D.*, Registrar and Treasurer *pro tem.*, Sir Knight C. A. Head; Almoner, Sir Knight Joseph Morrell; Expert, Sir Knight Lord Ernest Vane Tempest; First Standard Bearer, Sir Knight John Jones; Second ditto, Sir Knight Christopher Jackson; Captain of Lines, Sir Knight James Bowron, junior; Herald, Sir Knight John Ross; Equerry, Sir Knight John Trenholm.

The encampment was then closed by the Eminent Commander, when a Priory of the Order of Malta was consecrated by the Grand Chancellor, Sir Patrick Colquhoun, and the following Sir Knights were installed by him:—The Rev. V. H. Moyle, J. S. Walton, Edward Heffernan, — Palliser, Joseph Morrell, J. Jones, Christopher Jackson, H. G. Faber, Lord E. V. Tempest, C. A. Head, James Bowron, John Ross, R. A. Luck, John Morrell, and J. Trenholm. The priory was then closed, and an adjournment made to the banqueting hall, where the company sat down to an excellent repast.

CONSECRATION OF THE VANE CHAPTER No. 538.

On Thursday the 14th inst., this new Chapter was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, by Comp. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., Prov. Grand Scribe E. Middlesex, assisted by Comps. J. Terry, P.Z., as H.; J. W. Reed, P.Z., as J.; H. G. Buss, P.Z., Prov. G. Treas. Middlesex, as Dir. of Cers.

The chapter having been duly opened, the ceremony of consecration was performed with the customary solemnities, after which Comp. Little installed Comps. the Right Hon. the Earl Vane, James Kench, and Henry W. Linders as Third Principals, Earl Vane and Comp. Kench as Second Principals, and finally installed the noble Lord as M.E.Z.

Some formal business was then transacted, and the rank of honorary member was conferred upon Comps. Little, Terry, and Buss, together with a vote of thanks for their services on the occasion.

Each of these worthy companions acknowledged the compliment, and congratulated the noble M.E.Z. upon the inauguration of the chapter under his auspices.

The chapter was then closed.

Among the companions present, besides the founders, we noticed Comps. J. Boyd, P.Z., and E. Silifant, P.Z.

Owing to severe domestic affliction in Lord Vane's family, the opening of this chapter has been delayed, and his lordship feelingly alluded to the fact in a few well-chosen sentences.

Microscopical investigation has proved that the substances which accumulate between the teeth contain animal and vegetable particles, and that the tooth powders, pastes, and waxes in general use have no effect upon these. Messrs. Vane's Dental Compound and Royal Dentifrice (sold by all chemists and perfumers at 18s. 6d. per box) completely destroy and remove the accumulation, and also preserve and beautify the teeth. It is reported only by Messrs. Gabriel, the old established dentists, 62, Fenchurch-street, and 39, Finsbury-street, Cavendish-square, London, where they practise their unique system of painless dentistry.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD CHARGES OF ENGLISH FREEMASONS.

One or two obvious misprints in my last communication on this subject, such as "deprecate" for "depreciate," and "ecossais" for "ecossaise," need hardly be pointed out by me. Since then, I have seen a continuation of Bro. Norton's essay in *The Freemason* of November 9th. What does Bro. Norton mean by "the Edward III. Constitution?"

I have heard of many "Constitutions," but never heard of this one before?

Does Bro. Norton allude to the Act of Parliament, tempore Edward III., relating to the Masons?

When Bro. Norton goes on to say—"We are also satisfied now the old operative Masons were an ignorant and credulous body of men," is he not speaking very wide of the mark, very much at random?

Is Bro. Norton aware that Master Masons, for instance, in the 13th and 14th centuries, received very high salaries indeed, ranked very often as "Generosi," and were men of education and position?

As regards the operative Masons generally, there is also evidence to prove that they received wages considerably above the average of other Crafts.

Bro. Norton seems to base a portion of his argument on the confused chronology and erroneous historical traditions contained in the old Masonic Constitutions. But does he realize how inevitable after all it is that merely oral tradition should, after the lapse of time, be always characterized by mistakes and anachronisms?

Mr. Wallbran used to say that, in such Legends as ours, as long as the main facts were correct and consistent, we could not expect minute particulars to be so, or the names of persons, or the dates of events to be absolutely historical. "Traditions are apt," he used to say, "to become confused after a time, and to blend persons and events together, often in what seems hopeless anachronism."

Bro. Norton seems to forget that the compiler and transcriber, both of the Masonic poem, and the Additional MS., our so far two oldest Legends, were Ecclesiastics, not Operatives, and that they only repeated and handed down what they had seen in older MSS., or heard from older members of some Masonic Guild. Were I to write the history of the operative Masons of England, and even of other countries, I should, judging from their works, speak far more respectfully of them than Bro. Norton does, and I think it a great pity that he imparts to such archaeological discussions such needless attacks upon others on such insufficient grounds, and with such an entire absence of evidence to justify his statements. When Bro. Norton says, again, "We know now, that their Masonry is not our Masonry," what does he mean?

It is, in truth, a very startling statement.

Let me respectfully ask him, has he ever considered, when he says this, the evidence arising from the Masonic poem as regards this very point? What does he consider that to be?

If he says that it belongs to the speculative Order then that Order was in existence in this country considerably before the close of the fourteenth century.

If he says that it is an operative ritualistic Constitution, thus transcribed by a priest, then the operative Constitution are identical with our own, as that is the basis of all the later ones.

He is free to accept either "horn" of the dilemma, but one or other he must accept and abide by.

The simple truth is that the history of Freemasonry, is after all only like many other histories, a history of continuation and development. To ignore the operative connection is, as it seems to me, to cut away completely the ground from beneath our feet, historically.

Indeed, Bro. Norton goes so far as to say that "we are indebted to the old society merely for the name and a few antiquated phrases and forms in our ceremonies."

This is indeed the 1717 theory, with "a vengeance," as people say. How Bro. Norton

can boldly propound anew such an hopeless theory, in the face of Bro. Hughan's opening passage in his preface, Bro. Findel's history, and the discussions which myself and others have carried on so long both in the *Freemasons' Magazine* and *The Freemason*, I am at a loss to understand. Indeed, if there is one fact which educated Freemasons now agree upon, I believe it is this, that Speculative Freemasonry is the lineal descendant and development of the operative guilds.

I cannot admit that "guild" is derived from "geld."

It is derived from the Saxon word "gildan" to pay, and was used in several meanings.

It was sometimes employed, for instance, to describe a tax or tribute.

It also meant a "mulet" or penalty, a composition or "amercement." It also signified an enfranchised division or soke.

The "wards" of London and of other municipalities were sometimes called "gilds." It was also used in its evident meaning to denote an "associated brotherhood," because its members were "gildar," bound to pay something towards the charge or support of the whole body.

Gilds have been defined to be "fraternities contributing sums towards a common stock" as well as a "fraternity or company combined together by orders and laws made among themselves, by their Prince's license." Gilds were of two kinds, "Ecclesiastical Gilds," for "devotion and almsdeeds," "Secular Gilds," for "trade and almsdeeds."

Secular gilds, which at one time included in themselves all the "Craftsmen" of the various operative bodies, in town and country, were often called in later times, "gilda mercatoria," or "gilda mercatorum."

They, no doubt of Roman origin, were originally derived from the Anglo-Saxon "Frith-gild."

Frith-gild is defined in the preface to the laws of Athelstan, to be a college or brotherhood (sodalitium), from the two Saxon words "peace" and "to pay," because "these societies enter into a collective payment for the common good, and confer as to their own affairs."

Herbert in his "History of the Livery Companies," quotes, apparently from Fosbroke's "Encyclopedia of Antiquities," a passage from "Gervase of Canterbury," whose chronicle begins at 1174 and ends 1199. He says that, "both French and English, skilled in stone and woodwork, travelling in gilds or societies for the purpose of building."

If it be true, as no doubt it is, that other trades had their "secrets" and "mysteries" and "points," as well as the Freemasons, no guild that I know of had "Constitutions or Legends," dating as far back as 1390 admittedly, and no other guild had an elaborate ritual and symbolical signs, or tokens, or marks, known only to the initiated, except the Freemasons. I believe that Bro. Buchan claims something like what the German Masons called the "hand gruss," for other operative Crafts, but the evidence in that case was very slight, and in no way affected the question as against the Freemasons.

With regard to "free born," there can be no doubt that the usage is in itself a proof of the great antiquity of our Order. As in the old times no slaves could be admitted into the sodalities of Greece and Rome, so in the early times of this country the freemen of the guild were distinguished from the serfs and "villani" of feudal times.

A serf, a "villanus," the "adscripti glebae," in those days, to become "free," must be "enfranchised," either by purchase or favour, by the King, or the lord of the soil or manor. Such a person, after twelve months' honest labour in those early days in a town, could, if accepted, become free of his particular guild.

As time ran on, the privilege was confined to the children of the freemen, and then, no doubt, none but the "free born" children of the members of the guild could be admitted members of it.

Apprentices could be admitted, after proper servitude, but they must also be children of free guildmen. Then, however much Bro. Norton may object to such a law, it is a very old law, and is unmistakable evidence in itself of the great

antiquity and unchanging traditions of our Masonic Order.

The compiler, or transcriber of Bro. Cooke's MS., gives a very good practical reason for the law, a reason, which in itself, proves the usage and custom.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

"A CONSTANT READER."

The suggestion of "A Constant Reader," shall be carried out, if we can manage it, and a translation of Bro. Findel's interesting article be presented to the Readers of *The Freemason*.—ED. F.

BROS. EMMA HOLMES AND W. P. BUCHAN.

I am at a loss to know why Bro. Holmes alludes to Bro. Hughan in the manner he does at page 714 of *The Freemason*.

I have read the correspondence by the above two brethren most attentively, and have not been able to discover any ipse dixit of Bro. Hughan's to warrant Bro. Holme's curt observation, neither do I think the former is or the habit of making assertions on his own authority alone.

C. B.

NOTES ON THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

Erratum.—Page 714, line 18 of paragraph, read, Bro. "Buchan's" ipse dixit, and not Bro. "Hughan," as printed.

Original Correspondence.

THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The following letter, which has been addressed to the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, having been forwarded to us for publication, we have great pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the claims of Bro. Little, which are ably set forth therein:—

Collier's Wood, Merton, S.W.,

November 1, 1872.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. R. Wentworth Little has consented, at the request of several Vice-Presidents and Life Governors of the Freemasons' Girls' School, to be put in nomination for the Secretaryship of that Institution, which has just become vacant by the retirement of Bro. Patten.

In the belief that Bro. Little combines in a remarkable degree the qualifications it is our duty to insist upon in any Secretary we may appoint, I am acting as Chairman of a Committee for promoting his election. This Committee deems it important in the interests of the Charity that the new Secretary should not be of an age which would, in the common course of nature, render his retirement necessary in a few years, and so burden our funds with another pension. Bro. Little is 34. We consider it essential that the new Secretary should be a man of liberal education and varied experience, fitted by maturity of judgment, habit of mind, and special acquirements, to urge the claims of the Charity upon the brethren. The history and statistics of the Masonic Boys' School furnish convincing testimony, were any needed, as to the imperative duty of securing these qualifications for the sister Institution, and of so promoting a generous rivalry between the two. Bro. Wentworth Little was originally educated for the church, under Bro. the Rev. B. Gibson, M.A.; but deciding upon a secular career, he entered the Civil Service of the Crown in the Emigration Department at Dublin, and holds testimonials of the highest character, both from his reverend tutor and his official chiefs. Bro. Little has been an active Freemason ever since he was initiated into our Order, twelve years ago. He is P.M. of two lodges; P.Z. of two chapters; honorary member of some thirty lodges and chapters; and Provincial Grand Secretary for Middlesex. Bro. Little's extensive connection among Freemasons, and his wide reputation for knowledge and zeal, are in themselves, we consider, an earnest assurance that the duties of this Secretaryship would be efficiently discharged by him. For the last

ten years he has filled a responsible appointment in the Grand Secretary's office, and during the greater part of this time he has been cashier and accountant to the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter—positions which he still fills.

I venture to lay these facts before you, in the hope that you will agree with me that the appointment of Bro. Little would be of real benefit to the Charity, and I ask you, on this ground only, to give him your interest and support.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. C. PARKINSON, V.P.

P.S.—Bro. Little has served the Stewardships, and is a Life Governor of three Masonic Charities.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have great pleasure in calling the special attention of our brother Life Governors to the following testimonial in favour of Bro. Little from Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary of England.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

"November 12, 1872.

"Having been asked to express my opinion of the qualifications of Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, I beg to say that, during the period I have held the appointment of Grand Secretary, I have found his conduct such as to merit my warmest approval.

"I have the utmost confidence in saying that, to abilities of a very high order, he unites the indispensable attributes of accuracy, attention, and trustworthiness, and I believe him to be well fitted for carrying out the duties of any office, however confidential, to which he may aspire.

"(Signed) JOHN HERVEY, G.S."

We also desire, in the interests of truth to notice a statement that the revenue of the Institution has not materially suffered during Bro. Patten's illness; this no doubt is true, but the statement is incomplete as it stands, inasmuch as a large proportion of the Stewards at the last Festival were Bro. Little's personal friends, and some at least undertook the Stewardships and qualified as Life Governors at his request, just as we find now that brethren are coming forward almost daily with their ten guineas each and qualifying to vote and ensure his election.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN BOYD, G. Purst., P.M. P.Z.

EDWIN SILLIANT, P.M.

Hon. Secs. Wentworth Little Committee.
13th, November, 1872.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have received several letters from brethren respecting the above appointment or election, and, in anticipation of receiving more, will you permit me to make a few remarks in *The Freemason*, and thus save me a deal of unnecessary correspondence. Few read the "laws," I presume, hence their ignorance of what they contain. Allow me to draw attention to the following:—

1. The day of election is fixed for Thursday, 28th November, particulars of which are duly advertised.
2. The election will be by ballot of the Governors and other members of the General Committee, from 12 (noon) to 5 (p.m.).
3. Any brother can become a member of such Committee on payment of a donation of ten guineas (or more), and be entitled to vote at the election of Secretary, on Thursday, the 28th inst.
4. A "Life Subscriber" who has already paid five guineas in one sum to the Institution cannot vote, unless another five guineas are donated prior to the 28th inst.
5. These conditions apply in like manner to the official representatives of "Lodges, Chapters, and Societies."
6. The friends of Bro. R. W. Little have thus an opportunity to show their appreciation of his Masonic zeal, trustworthy character, and general efficiency, by becoming "Life Governors" (if not already so), thereby qualifying themselves to vote on his behalf on the 28th November, at

noon, and at the same time be aiding a most useful and excellent Institution.

7. The friends of other candidates (should there be any) will do well to qualify themselves in like manner.

Wishing Bro. R. W. Little every success,

Fraternally yours,

W. J. HUGHAN.

Truro, Cornwall, Nov. 20th, 1872.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

Dear Sir and Brother,

If all the candidates for the vacant Secretaryship of the Girls' School would do as Bro. Little has done, advertise a list of their Committees or supporters, what a deal of trouble would be saved in unnecessary canvassing and annoyance to Life Governors and others.

Yours fraternally,

L.G. and P.M.

Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad to see that several members of our Fraternity have testified, through the medium of your columns, so warmly in favour of Bro. R. Wentworth Little as a candidate for the Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Allow me, a resident in Lancashire, to assure you that his claims are not unrecognised or undervalued in the northern provinces. I am favoured in having been during nine years past acquainted with that distinguished brother, who has worked so energetically for the benefit of our Craft, and quite qualified to state that, in addition to his great business tact and many Masonic acquirements, he is possessed of very superior literary abilities which, should he succeed in obtaining the appointment he now seeks, would be capable of being turned to excellent account in advocating the claims of that noble Institution, whose Secretaryship is now vacant by the lamented serious illness of Bro. Patten, P.G.S.B.

With every desire for the united success of the Schools and Bro. Little's candidature,

I am, yours fraternally,

J. DANIEL MOORE, P.G.S.B., of England.

AN OLD MASONIC PRINT.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to "J. H. G.," whose letter of inquiry is inserted on page 697 of your number of the 9th instant, I am able to inform him that the engraving referred to is by Bro. Bartolozzi, R.A., engraver to his late Majesty King George III., from a painting by Bro. Stothard, R.A., and published in London, June 1st, 1802, by Wm. Jeffries & Co., Earl-street, Blackfriars.

The print representing "the Distinguishing Characteristic of Masonry—Charity exerted on proper objects" was "by permission, most respectfully dedicated by their obedient servant and brother, Wm. Jeffries, to the Grand Lodge of England."

I am Sir, yours, &c.,

C. DUFFIELD FAULKNER, P.M., 1036,

Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Doddington, Oxon, 18th Nov., A. L. 5872.

P.S.—I have a fine copy hanging in my hall.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

Dear Sir and Brother,

Complying with the request expressed by your correspondent, J. H. G., in his letter inserted in the last number of your publication, I beg to inform him that we have suspended in our lodge an engraving such as he describes, and also to state that it represents the celebration of the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The "venerable old Gentleman leading by the hand two small girls," in the foreground alluded to, is, I believe, a likeness of the Treasurer of the Institution, as it was his custom to head the procession, leading the two smallest children; the other principal figures depicted are also portraits of notable Freemasons of the time. His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, afterwards George the Fourth, was the Grand Master at the time of the publication of the engraving.

There is a key to the engraving, I believe.

The inscription on our copy shews that the engraving was executed by Bro. Bartolozzi, R.A., Engraver to His Majesty, from a painting by Bro. Stothard, R.A., and was published by Wm. Jeffries and Co., of Earl St., Blackfriars, 1st June, 1802, and is subscribed "To the Grand Lodge of England; this print representing the distinguishing characteristic of Masonry, Charity exerted on proper objects, is, by permission, most respectfully dedicated, by their obedient servant and brother, Wm. Jeffries."

Should J. H. G. wish for further information he may doubtless obtain it on application at the Institution.

Truly and fraternally yours,

WILL. W. BARLOW,

W.M. Lodge of Hope, 302.

Bradford, 13th Nov., 1872.

[We have received from Bro. B. Broughton, S.W. 302, a communication of similar import.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have observed from time to time that in reports of the proceedings of Provincial Grand Lodges, and on other occasions when Provincial Grand Officers have been present, titles of honour have been prefixed to their names, such as *V.W.*, to which they are not entitled. It ought to be known that no Provincial Grand Officer, as such, has a right to any designation beyond that of "W.," except the Provincial Grand Master, who is "R.W." I am warranted in writing positively on this subject, inasmuch as two years ago I had occasion to write to the Grand Secretary about it, and he sent to me a printed circular to the above effect. I have not the circular at present to refer to, but I remember its contents well, and I think it was stated in it that the matter had been thus decided by the M.W.G.M., Lord Zetland.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A PROV. GRAND OFFICER.

A MISTAKE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"W. P. B.," in your last issue, calls attention to the statement at page 576, where "a well-known brother" is styled "an avowed atheist," a statement which W.P.B. characterises as a mistake.

Many brethren will share with me the pleasure of this correction, though at the same time they will agree that, judging by the language used by the brother alluded to in your columns, the inference to be drawn from them would be that the term used was correct.

E. H.

The Golden Grape Cognac is a pure grape spirit of the greatest strength, exceedingly agreeable to the palate, whilst the high encomiums passed upon it by the most eminent of the trade, leave no doubt as to its being the finest brandy in the market.

"A VISIT TO EARL'S CROSS MASONRY LODGE." Through the kindness of Messrs. Epps, I recently had an opportunity of seeing the many complicated and interesting processes of the machinery there it is sold for public use, and being both interested and highly pleased with what I saw during my visit to the manufactory, I thought a brief account of the same and the way it is manufactured by Messrs. Epps, to fit it for a wholesome and a nutritious beverage, might be of interest to the readers of *Land and Water*.—See Article in *Land and Water* October 14.

"Three years ago this autumn I had a severe attack of gout, to which I had been subject 22 years. After being confined to my bed under treatment two weeks, I was induced to try your 'Vegetable Pain Killer,' and in little more than a week was able to be at business. Two years hence I had a similar attack, or worse, which under the best of care had in previous years threatened my life. I was cured by the use of your 'Vegetable Pain Killer,' and I am now as well as ever."—THOMAS PERRY, Red House, London, 1872. To PERRY, DAVIS & SON, London.

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Answers to Correspondents.

SNATCHES.—Declined with thanks.

W. T.—An English P.M. has no rank in a lodge, under another jurisdiction, except by courtesy. He can, of course, be present at a Board of Installed Masters, but at that point his privileges cease.

The following communications have been received, and will appear next week:—"Nortonian Amenities," E.H.; "Notes on the Orders of the Temple and Hospital," W.P.B.; "Welcome to St. Mungo," G.W.V.; "Ancient York and London Grand Lodges," Masonic Student; Reports of Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicester and Rutland; Craft Lodges 33, 123, 509, 890; Mark Lodge 88, 121, 122, 125, 130; K.T. Encampment No. 4.

Public Amusements.

Victoria Theatre.

On Saturday, November 23rd, and during the week, the performance will commence with THE FIREMAN. Frederick, Mr. Allen; Wealthy, Mr. Dudley; Stubbs, Mr. Power; Cincinnatus, Mr. Fawn; Press, Mr. Sidney; John Smith Gun, Miss Maud; Alice, Miss Henderson; Mrs. Waddleton, Mrs. Burleigh; Lucetta, Mrs. Burleigh. After which, CHARACTER DANCES, Miss Maud and Miss Rosine. To be followed by THE SEA. Captain Mandeville, Mr. Power; Captain Sturdy, Mr. Parkes; Old Curious, Mr. Guest; Poulitice Peter, Mr. Skinner; Dennis O'Tro, Mr. Fawn; Mary Helm, Miss Henderson; Kate, Miss Allen; Dame, Mrs. Rainbow. On Saturday, the Infant Vane in his unique performance. On Friday for the Benefit of the Lessers, MACBETH, and a Miscellaneous Entertainment, which will be duly announced. Stage Manager, Mr. C. T. Burleigh.

Sadler's Wells Theatre.

On Saturday November 23, and during the week, the performance will commence with THE TICKET OF LEAVE MAN. Bob Brierly, Mr. C. Sennett; Melter Moss, Mr. Leigh; Jem Dalton, Mr. Shepherd; Hawkshaw, Mr. C. T. Burleigh; May, Miss M. Cooper; Mrs. Willoughby, Mrs. C. Stephenson; Sam, Miss Kerridge. To conclude with THE FLOWERS OF THE FOREST. Ishmael, Mr. C. Sennett; Pharoos, Mr. Lacy; Hugh Layrock, Mr. Shepherd; Alfred, Mr. Evans; Kinchin, Mr. Hudspeh; Cheap John, Mr. Bousfield; Cynthia, Miss M. Cooper; Starlight Bess, Miss Bramth; Lemuel, Miss Fatten. Stage Manager, Mr. C. T. Burleigh.

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Open at 12 and 7. Admission 1s. New Ghost, THE WHITE LADY OF AVEDEL, THE SLEEPING BEAUTY, by Mr. George Barker, as dated by Miss Alice Barth and Florence Hunter. COME AND HOW TO SAVE IT, by Professor Gardner. Lectures on Natural Philosophy by Mr. King; the Diver and Diving Bell; and many other entertainments.

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Week commencing November 25.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee B. E. Saker. Italian Operas.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1872.

THE COMING STRUGGLE.

Before the next issue of this journal the election of a Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be a thing of the past. The ballot will take place, as publicly advertised, on Thursday, the 28th November, at Freemasons' Hall; and will commence at 12 noon and close at 5 p.m. precisely. In accord with the resolutions passed at the last General Committee meeting, candidates must be Master Masons of three years standing, and be less than forty years of age. So much for the legal limits of qualification declared to be necessary. But over and above these, as all who have the welfare of the Institution at heart must feel, are other and more recondite qualifications, which the Governors and other members of the General Committee are morally bound to insist upon in their new Secretary. In the first rank of these must be placed Masonic experience and a wide connection, personally and by repute, among the brethren. The claims of Bro. Wentworth Little, in these particulars, are so well known and have been advocated so recently, that we make no apology, at this stage of the proceedings, for declaring formally in his favour, and expressing our sanguine hopes for his success. It will be remembered that up to this date *The Freemason* has been content to argue upon general principles, and has refrained from pronouncing for or against any possible candidate for this important post. The time, as it seems to us, has now arrived for speaking out; and in assuring Bro. Little's numerous supporters of our sympathy, we beg to impress upon them that they must be prepared to put forth their full strength on the day of the election. What that strength is, and how conclusively it may be exercised, we have some means of knowing, and we have full confidence that we shall be able this day week to congratulate Bro. Little and his friends upon their success.

This being so, it may be asked if it be not possible to avoid a contest altogether, and by a union of forces between those who have been hitherto supporting a candidate now excluded, and the friends of Bro. Little, the latter may not be elected unanimously to a position he is sure to fill well. Rightly or wrongly, the House Committee has been credited with acting in the interests of a particular candidate; and though we firmly believe this opinion to be a mistaken one, so far as the bulk of the members of the Committee are concerned, it is impossible to deny that their acts, as a body, have been susceptible of this interpretation. The strongest claim put forward by the brother they were supposed to favour, and of whom we desire to speak with all respect, was the length of time he had discharged Bro. Patten's duties to the satisfaction of the House Committee—such length of time and hypothetically contingent claim being due to the absence of action on the part of the House Committee itself. Then came the unfortunate demand for more than fourteen days in which to make a Report, which it is admitted now, could have been made in a few hours; the ill-

judged suppression, without discussion, of an amendment which Bro. J. C. Parkinson had drawn by counsel before he attempted to bring it before the meeting; and the abortive effort to leave the day of the election of a Secretary unfixed and indefinite. These were all, we submit, errors of judgement; and while we are satisfied that the House Committee as a whole, did not intend these several acts to operate exclusively in the interests of an individual, it does not seem a very extravagant conjecture to suppose that some of its members may have remembered that their operation would not be prejudicial to the man they favoured. If it be true that the House Committee actually carried a resolution at one of their meetings, of similar purport to Bro. Parkinson's, with respect to the Masonic standing of candidates, and rescinded it subsequently, for the express purpose of not excluding an individual, it is obvious that the principle affirmed by the General Committee cannot be altogether distasteful.

But arguing from the standpoint of Bro. Little's assured success, will not the House Committee let bye-gones be bye-gones, and agree to co-operate with his supporters in not merely electing him to the Secretaryship of the Girls' School, but in making a graceful compensation to a late candidate, who has served them faithfully and well? Is it worth while to put up, or to encourage in putting up, new candidates for the mere sake of preventing a "walk over," in name as well as in reality? Bro. Little's supporters are strong in numbers, in organization, in influence, in determination, and in faith. Is it fair to brethren, who are less known than he, and who are without his connections and claims, to put them to the needless expense and fruitless anxiety of a contest? Is it worth while, for the mere sake of "showing fight to the last," to invite hostility from men who are now honestly anxious to land one of Bro. Little's late opponents in a position nearly equal in emoluments to the Secretaryship to the Girls' School? We ask the friends of this brother, in all earnestness, to weigh the situation well, and we call upon Bro. Little's supporters with equal earnestness to come to the poll on Thursday, the 28th, precisely as if there were a really dangerous rival in the field. It is desirable on every ground that each section of opinion should be adequately represented on that occasion; and in the choice of scrutineers, in the appointment of officers for the day, and in every arrangement pertaining to the ballot, the Committee will, we are satisfied, be scrupulously careful to give each candidate's supporters full and fair representation.

Bro. Little's friends will do well to remember that their votes, and their influence, will be of the highest import to him next Thursday; and that the numbers who come to the poll will be quoted hereafter as a really significant expression of popular opinion. We will impress upon them further that the earlier in the day they vote, the greater will be the favour conferred, and that as the election of next Thursday is the crowning effort in a gallant struggle, and the final claim which will be made upon their time, they will best serve the cause they have at heart by bringing as many of their personal friends among the Life Governors as they can influence with

them to Freemasons' Hall. They will find Bro. J. C. Parkinson and other leading members of Bro. Little's Committee on the spot, and ready to afford information to voters during all the hours of ballot; and we trust that we shall have to record next week, not merely that "the best man has won," but that he has done so by an overwhelming majority, and with the approval and co-operation of those under whom he will have to work, as well as of those who were his opponents until the other day. The House Committee will in all human probability have to receive Bro. Wentworth Little as Secretary to the Masonic Girls' School in a week from this date; and this wholly irrespective of any action they may think fit to take. But there is time left to tender him the right hand of fellowship, voluntarily and gracefully, and for the sake of the Institution we trust they will accept the suggestion which Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the Chairman of the Little Committee is known to have offered them, and which would prevent the possibility of disappointment in one quarter, while infusing a spirit of general satisfaction in all.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—This prosperous and flourishing lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks, West Ham, E. The chair was occupied by Bro. Ashdown, the retiring W.M., supported by the following officers, viz.:—Bros. I. Gaskell, I.P.M.; H. G. Sisley, P.M., as S.W.; B. B. Brayshaw, J.W. (W.M. elect); G. Park, Treasurer; J. Henderson, P.M. and Secretary; Sherwin, Org.; A. Knox, S.D.; Priestley, J.D.; and Alison, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the former meeting, and also of a lodge of emergency, were read and confirmed. The balance sheet and accounts for the past year, duly audited, were then read, showing a large balance in favour of the lodge. There were two candidates for initiation, but from unforeseen circumstances, neither were able to attend. The W.M. then called upon the Secretary to read the bye-laws of the lodge, which having been done, the W.M. elect, Bro. Brayshaw, J.W., was presented by Bro. E. West, P.M., and P. Prov. G.S.D. Herts, to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ceremony was then proceeded with, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, consisting of the following brethren, viz. I. Gaskell, I.P.M., E. West, S. Watkins, H. G. Sisley and Henderson P.Ms. of the lodge, Bro. Chas. Lacey P.M., 174 (W.M. designate Langthorne Lodge) Bro. W. C. Barlow, 174; E. Parker, W.M. 1327; G. English W.M. 1227; and R. Bolton, I.P.M. 1227. Bro. Brayshaw was installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and having invested his I.P.M., the board was closed. The brethren were then readmitted, and the newly installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. He appointed his officers as follows viz. Bro. C. W. Ashdown, I.P.M.; A. Knox, S.W.; I. Priestly, J.W.; G. Park (re-elected) Treasurer, J. Henderson, P.M., Secretary; M. W. Nott, S.D.; Rhill, J.D.; Holliday, J. G.; Sherrin, Organist; and Allison (re-elected) Tyler. The addresses to the W.M.; Wardens, and brethren, were delivered in a most impressive manner by the Installing Officer, who on resuming his seat was warmly congratulated by the P.M.'s present. On the proposition of Bro. Sisley, P.M. it was unanimously resolved that an address, framed and engrossed on vellum, be presented to Bro. Ashdown, at the next meeting of the Lodge, in

recognition of the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office, and also for his excellent rendering of the installation ceremony that day. The lodge was then closed and the brethren (number-over 100) adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well served, considering the very limited resources in the shape of accommodation, at the disposal of the worthy host, Bro. Old. The chair was occupied by the newly installed W.M. who fulfilled his duties in a very efficient manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and a very pleasant evening spent by the brethren, who having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, separated in perfect peace and harmony at an early hour. During the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, voted at the last meeting of the lodge, was presented to Bro. Ashdown, I.P.M., in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. Amongst the visitors present, besides the P.M.'s enumerated above, were Bros. Carruthers, S.D. 65; Slee, I.G. 1227; Owen, 1227; and several others.

KENT.

CANTERBURY.—St. Augustine Lodge (No. 972).—The brethren belonging to this rising lodge held the usual annual installation gathering on Monday last, the spacious madrigal-room adjoining the theatre being kindly placed at their service by the brethren of No. 31, Canterbury. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including several W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and P. and P. Prov. G.O.'s from No. 31, Canterbury; No. 199, Dover; No. 1208, Dover; No. 133, Taversham; and No. 153, Gibraltar. The ceremony of installing Bro. Walter James White, S.W., into the chair of King Solomon, was ably and impressively performed by Bro. W. Ellenor, after which the newly-elected W.M. made the following appointments:—Bros. Geo. Pilcher, S.W.; Frederick Walker, J.W.; Arthur Cannon, S.D.; William Plume, J.D.; James Welch, I.G.; Charles Sendell, D.C.; John Secra and William Henry Vile, Stewards; William Harnett, Hon. Tyler; — Cannon, Organist; and William Ellenor, P.M., Hon. Secretary. In the evening, about fifty members of the Order sat down to a splendid banquet, provided by Messrs. Shaxby Brothers, of the Guildhall Hotel, who were warmly eulogised on the general excellence of the arrangements. The W.M. elect presided, and after the removal of the cloth, proceeded to give the usual toasts, which were acknowledged in the manner usual among Masons. After "The Queen and the Craft," followed "The Health of H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M.," and the W.M., in submitting the toast, said that his Royal Highness was a true lover of Masonry might be evidenced from the fact that after obtaining honours as a P.G.M., he was now actually working in a Craft Lodge. "The Earl de Grey and Ripon, Grand Master," "Lord Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Deputy Grand Officers" having been suitably proposed, and otherwise properly dealt with, "Lord Holmesdale, Past Grand Master for Kent," followed, the next in order being "To the memory of Bro. Dobson, Deputy Past Grand Master of Kent." The proposer (the W.M.) passed a very feeling and appropriate eulogium upon the memory of the deceased brother, whom he described to maintain Masonry in its purest character. The company drank the toast in silence and subdued light. Bro. Wilson, P.G. Sword Bearer, and P.M. 199, Dover, acknowledged the next toast, "The Health of the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," and in the course of his remarks spoke very highly of the W.M. elect, who, he remarked, merited and deserved the position he now occupied by having at all times carried out the true principles of Masonry. He was a Master of which St. Augustine's Lodge might well be proud, and he was sure that he had the hearty good wishes of every lodge in Kent. The W.M. of the Corinthian Lodge, Dover, responded for "The Visitors," and in the course of a practical speech, pointed out the advantage of members of lodges in their own and neighbouring towns exchanging visits. Bro. Paul, P.M. 32, in submitting "The health of the W.M. elect,"

said that as the oldest member of the Masonic Order in Canterbury, and in consequence of his having assisted at the consecration of St. Augustine's Lodge, he had very much pleasure at being present on this occasion, and taking part in the installation of Bro. White. He had known him for many years, and he (Bro. Paul) could bear testimony to the fact that he had established a character for probity and honour of the highest class, and he felt that his elevation to the chair he now occupied was not only an honour to St. Augustine's Lodge, but to Masonry throughout the county of Kent. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, pointed out that a successful year of office to him was mainly dependent on the assistance he received from his officers; and he had reason to believe they would give him their hearty co-operation. He was most anxious to point out to the brethren of his lodge, that the proper disposal of honours should be made not by the mere fluctuation of time, but according to merit. Bro. Beer, P.M., next gave "The Installing Master, Bro. Ellenor, P.M.," observing that it was a good and grand thing to be a Mason, but it was something better and nobler to be possessed of so extended a knowledge of it as Bro. Ellenor had. Several other toasts applying to the officers succeeded, and were appropriately acknowledged, the reply of the S.W. being particularly appreciated. Among the later toasts was that of "The Press," proposed by Bro. Hart (one of the Aldermen of Canterbury), in replying to which, Bro. Sendell referred to the fact that Freemasonry and the Press had always gone hand-in-hand, and that many Masons were to be found in the ranks of newspapers. He cited, as an instance, the journal with which he was connected (*The South Eastern Gazette*), the majority of the literary staff of which, he said, were members of the Order. It should be added that the large attendance of visitors, attired in the regalia of P.G.O.'s, and members of 972, upon whom had been conferred the honour of wearing the purple, combined with the capital appointments of the lodge-room, contributed to make up a splendid effect; and also that the success of the day's proceedings is in no small degree attributed to the popularity of the new W.M.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The monthly communication of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 6th inst. The following officers and brethren present:—Bros. E. J. Crow, Mus. Bac., W.M.; Stretton, P.M., P. Prov. G.R.; J. M. McAllister, S.W.; J. Halford, J.W.; W. Weare, P.M., Treasurer; T. A. Wykes, 525, as Secretary; J. W. Smith, S.D.; R. Goodman, 354, Glasgow, as J.D.; C. E. Stretton I.G.; J. Edmunds, H. T. Kirby, S. Tebbut, G. W. Statham, and the R. W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Kelly, honoured his mother lodge by his presence. Among the visitors were Revd. Dr. Hayercroft, W.M.; G. Toller P.M.; F. J. Bains, S.W.; S. S. Partridge, J.W., P.G.S.; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; J. T. Thorpe, Secretary; W. T. Rowlett, J.D.; E. Mace, J. Lorimore, and R. Taylor, members of the John O'Gaunt Lodge, and Bro. S. P. Ekin, P.M.; and E. Mason represented the Commercial Lodge, 1391. On the lodge having been opened in due form, and the routine business disposed of, Bro. W. H. Marshall was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, and at a subsequent period of the evening Mr. George Billings, a candidate for initiation, regularly proposed and approved of, was duly admitted to a participation in the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Kelly, in the name of our eminent Bro. J. Hughan, Hon. Mem., presented a number of interesting books to the Masonic Library. The brethren testified their high appreciation of the generous gift, by unanimously according a cordial vote of thanks to the esteemed donor. During the evening's proceedings the exercise of that truly Masonic virtue was pleasingly evidenced by the announcement of liberal subscriptions received towards the fund now being raised to purchase the admission of a "Lewis," to the Masonic Institution for Boys, and in

recommending and adhibiting the required signatures to a petition in favour of the candidature for admission to the kindred Institution of a daughter of a late Brother, Past Master of the lodge. With the view of utilizing the musical talent for which a number of our local brethren are distinguished, Bro. Tebbutt, Organist pro tem., submitted the following notice of motion:—"That considering an effective rendering of the ceremonies as highly important in imparting an additional impressiveness to the services, as well as inducing an increased interest and improved attendance on the part of the brethren to the duties of the lodge, it is desirable to form a Masonic choir of not less than twelve members in connection with the local lodges. After the customary fraternal greetings from the visitors, the lodge was closed in ample form.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—*Baldwin Lodge* (No. 1398).—The regular monthly meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Monday evening, the 11th inst., in the Masonic Temple, the Castle, Dalton-in-Furness, when the following officers were present:—The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Pearson, W.M. of Lodge of Furness, Ulverston, 995, supported by Bro. J. Case, P.M. 995; W. Whiteside, S.W.; J. Postlethwaite, J.W.; F. F. Clark, Treasurer; J. Tyson, Secretary; W. Horn, S.D.; F. Bell, J.D.; Rev. J. W. Morgan, Chaplain; J. Walker, I.G.; and T. Cooper, Tyler. The visiting brethren present were Bros. J. H. Matthews, P.S.W., and R. Casson, both of 995, the latter of whom very ably presided at the harmonium. The attendance of brethren, members of the lodge, was very good. The lodge was duly opened by the Acting W.M., in the first degree, and the minutes of the two former meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the admission of two candidates, in one case proving favourable, and in the other unfavourable. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. J. Harrison gave proof of proficiency as F.C., was entrusted by the W.M., and retired, when the lodge was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Harrison was duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge was then closed to the first degree, when Bro. W. Dalzell having proved proficiency as E.A., was entrusted and retired, the lodge resuming the second degree. Bro. Dalzell was passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was again closed to the first degree, when Mr. George Bellas Moses, of Dalton-in-Furness, iron ore merchant, and Mr. Frederick Atkinson, of Dalton-in-Furness, commercial traveller, were consecutively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The working tools in each degree were presented by the S.W., and J.W. respectively, and the S.W. delivered to the newly initiated brethren the initiation charge. The questions in the first degree were then put round. The bye laws of the lodge having been confirmed, and some other formal business disposed of, the lodge was duly closed at 10.30 p.m. The lodge, which may yet be said to be in its infancy, is much indebted to the watchfulness and nurturing care of the officers and brethren of the lodge of Furness, 995, the W.M. attending on each occasion to conduct the lodge.

PRESCOT.—*Lodge of Loyalty* (No. 86).—The brethren of this old and highly prosperous lodge were summoned to their Masonic duties on Wednesday afternoon, the 13th inst., and as the principal business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, there was an unusually large muster of members and visitors. The ancient Loyalty is amongst the most popular of lodges in the province of Lancashire West, and it fully maintained its proud position by the success which attended the interesting meeting on this occasion. The assembly took place at the Royal Hotel, where the lodge was duly opened by Bro. Dr. S. Morris, W.M., who was supported by the following past and present officers and members of No. 86:—Bros. J. F. Birchall, P.M.; J. T. Hall, P.M.; T. Wylie, P. Prov. G. Reg., P.M.; G. Turner, P.M., Treas.; R. Young, Sec.; J. Williams, S.W.; R. D. Simpson, J.D.; R. Cork, I.G.; W. Jamieson, S.; W. Tyrer, M.C.; T. Sephton, Tyler; J. Hamer,

P. Prov. G. Treas., J. Vaughan, J. V. Van Denne, G. H. Turner, J. Ellis, C. R. Hall, jun. W. Cron, J. Kitchen, S. Marsh, G. Stead, J.; Knight, R. S. Reynolds, H. S. Oppenheim, J. S. Robertson, T. Ambler, A. T. Galloway, and T. Swift. Amongst the visitors present during the afternoon were Bros. J. Skeaf, P. Prov., G.O.; J. K. Smith, P.M. 249; W. Harrison, W.M. 897; W. J. Newman, J.W. 786; C. C. Wilson, 897; I. De Zouch, 249; D. Saunders, 1299; W. Thomson, 314; J. Busfield, 216; T. Evans, 1023, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. Morris, W.M., the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bros. T. Wylie and J. Hamer then presented Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, W.M. elect, to his father (Bro. J. W. J. Fowler) for installation, and he proceeded with the ceremony in an impressive and efficient manner. The spectacle of a son being installed by his father is so rare as to be always interesting; but when an installing Master enjoys so high a Masonic reputation as that honestly earned by Bro. P.M. Fowler, the interest is greatly increased. After the lodge had been opened in the third degree, a board of Installed Masters was held, and Bro. Fowler, jun., was duly placed in the chair. The other brethren were then re-admitted, and the newly installed Master was saluted, according to ancient custom, in the three degrees. The working tools were presented by Bro. T. Wylie, and the charges to the following officers, appointed for the ensuing year, were given by Bro. J. Hamer:—Bros. S. Morris, I.P.M.; H. Scott, S.W.; R. Young, J.W.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.M., Treas.; W. Tyrer, Secretary; R. Cork, S.D.; G. H. Turner, J.D.; W. Cron, I.G.; C. R. Hall, S.S.; J. Kitchen, J.S.; R. D. Simpson, M.C. Bro. T. Sephton was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The musical portion of the ceremony, which included Skeaf's admirably written anthem, "Behold how good," was rendered in the most striking and effective manner by Bros. D. Saunders, J. Busfield, and T. Evans, Bro. J. Skeaf presiding at the harmonium. The lodge was closed according to ancient form. The brethren subsequently sat down to a magnificent banquet in the Court House, under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to. The health of "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, V.W.P. D.P.G.M., and the P. Prov. G. Officers," was acknowledged by Bro. Wylie, P. Prov. G. Reg. "The West Lancashire Institution for the Education and Advancement in Life of Children of Distressed Masons, and the Masonic Charities," was acknowledged by Bro. J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treasurer. "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. S. Morris, I.P.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Fowler, W.M., in a suitable manner. Bro. Wylie then gave "The Worthy and Worshipful Past Master," and in the course of a highly appropriate speech, he presented a very chaste and valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. Morris, I.P.M., who acknowledged the gift from the brethren in a few but pointed words. "The P.M.'s and Officers of Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86," and "The Visiting Brethren" were the other toasts on the list. After spending an exceedingly pleasant evening, the brethren separated at an early hour.

LEIGH.—*Marquis of Lorne Lodge* (No. 1354).—The first installation since the consecration of this lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, at the Masonic Rooms Newton-street, Leigh. The brethren assembled about four o'clock in the afternoon, and the installation of the Worshipful Master was proceeded with, after the usual lodge business had been transacted. The choice of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. James Jackson, the worthy superintendent of the Warrington Division of County Police, that gentleman was installed according to ancient custom, by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G. Reg. The brethren visiting from other lodges were Bros. Enos Andrew, Waverley 1322, P.S.S.E.Z.; P. Mills, 300 and 1088, P.M.; J. Marland W.M. 330; P. Ashforth J.W. 300; William Lewis, 484; D. W. Finney 148, 1250, P.M.; William Missip P.M. 1250; Thomas Bowers, 1088 and 1144, P.G. A.D.G.G.; J. Howe, 300, James Kershaw 300, and J. Fother-

gill, P.M. 1129. The members of the Marquis of Lorne Lodge present were:—Bros. T. J. Lancashire, W.M., J. Jackson, S.W.; R. Neild, S.D.; W. Duncan, J.D.; T. Smith, I.G.; G. Dickenson, Secretary, R. W. B. Sanderson, T. T. Hayes, C. E. Wright, James Kirkpatrick, N. Molyneaux, John Hall, G. H. H. Evans, J. Rose, J. Yales, and H. Heap, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M., after having been saluted by the brethren, invested the following gentlemen as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Robert Neild, S.W.; William Duncan, J.W.; C. E. Wright, S.D.; Thomas Smith, J.D.; N. Molyneaux, I.G.; J. Ashton, Tyler. Bros. Bryce and Dickenson were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary. The lodge was finally lowered and closed by the newly-installed Master. The members and visiting brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist by a banquet at the Boar's Head Inn, Market-place. The W.M. in giving the first toast, "The Queen—the Mother of a Mason," said that the toast of our Sovereign was the first given, when ever Englishmen were gathered together, and more particularly when Masons assembled, as on that occasion. The Queen was the mother of a Mason, and therefore they should receive the loyal toast with more than usual heartiness. In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. P.G.M.; H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family," the W.M. said they no doubt were well aware that the Prince of Wales was Brother Wales, and that other members of the Royal Family were Masons. He would not eulogise them, but he sincerely believed that if the example of the royal household was imitated, it would make many better men, and better Masons. The W.M. trusted they would duly honour the next toast, which was the "Army, Navy, Militia, Volunteers, and Royal Navy Reserve," with which he coupled the name of Bro. Molyneux. Bro. Molyneux responded. The W.M. said all Masons knew that the two gentlemen at the head of the Masonic body, the Marquis of Ripon and the Earl of Carnarvon, were second to none who have ever occupied that position; either as diplomatists, as statesmen, as noblemen, or as gentlemen. He gave, with unusual pleasure, the health of "The M.W.G.M., the R.W.D. G.M., and the Grand Lodge of England." The toast having been enthusiastically honoured, the W.M. said that he was sorry to say that at present they had no Provincial Grand Master, and, therefore, in proposing "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the R.W.D.P.G.M., and the Prov. G.L. of West Lancashire," he asked them to drink to the memory of the late Sir Thomas G. F. Hesketh, Bart., to whom a successor has not yet been appointed. In giving the toast of the evening, Bro. Lancashire, the retiring W.M., said that there was great difference between talking upon a subject without interest, and upon one fraught with interest from beginning to end. He had to propose a toast, which was the health of Bro. James Jackson, W.M. of the Marquis of Lorne Lodge, No. 1354. (Applause.) In doing so he did it with the firm belief, that it would be received with that warm appreciation which should characterise every Mason. After referring to Bro. Jackson as no new resident in Leigh, he said that whether their new W.M. remained in Leigh for a long or a short period, and whatever future was in store for him, the name of James Jackson, the W.M. of the Marquis of Lorne Lodge, would be respected by all persons in the town—non-Masons or Masons—but particularly by those who were Masons. Bro. Jackson, W.M., acknowledged the toast of his health, which had been most enthusiastically drunk. He thought that his brother, Mr. Lancashire had made use of rather too complimentary language. (No, no) He, however, thanked him for proposing, and the brethren for receiving so enthusiastically, the toast of his health. He had great hopes for the future of Masonry in Leigh. He was not an old Mason, but still had held the office of W.M. in an old lodge at Warrington. This he considered to be a great honour; to which was now added that of succeeding Bro. Lancashire to the chair of the Marquis of Lorne Lodge. He thanked them for the honours they had twice conferred upon him that day. (Applause.) Bro. Sanderson pro-

posed "The I.P.M. of the Marquis of Lorne Lodge, Bro. T. J. Lancashire." (Hear, hear.) He passed a high eulogium upon the first Master of the lodge, whom he said was, in many respects, his conception of a true Masonic gentleman. (Applause.) Bro. Lancashire, in replying, humouredly thanked the previous speaker. Bro. Sanderson was the first child borne to the Marquis of Lorne Lodge (laughter), and he was pleased to find he was an obedient child, and had spoken so well of his parent. (Laughter.) With regard to the lodge, he had done all he could for the last two years to establish and maintain it, and should not relax his efforts, but continue to do his best for it in the future. Bro. Duncan proposed the toast of "The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Lights, 148." Bro. Bryce replied. The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Marquis of Lorne Lodge." Bro. Hayes proposed "The Visiting Brethren." After the toast of the "Masonic Charities" had been honoured, Bro. Sanderson, in a short and effective speech, gave "The Ladies." He said he approached the task of giving the toast with considerable diffidence, and yet with great pleasure. The slightest frown from the ladies darkened our joy; and the slightest smile soothed our woes. He would like to dilate on the subject of his toast, but would refrain. He could say in the words of the poet—

"Oh woman! whose form and whose soul
Are the spell and delight of each path we
pursue;
Whether sunn'd in the Tropics, or chill'd at the
Pole,
If woman be there—there is happiness too."

He believed that compliment and gallantry were essentially appreciated by the fair sex; but apart from that, all his ideas of beauty had been more than surpassed by the ladies of Leigh. (Applause.)

LANCASTER.—*Lodge of Fortitude* (No. 28).—A regular meeting of the Lodge of Instruction, in connection with this lodge, was held on Wednesday last, the 13th instant. The Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Hall, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bro. Dr. Moore, I.P.M., and P.G.S.B. England; Bro. W. Fleming, S.W.; John Hatch, P.M., as J.W.; E. Simpson, P.M., Secretary, and a number of brethren and visitors. After the usual lodge business had been transacted, Bro. Moore delivered a short lecture on the Three Grand Principles of Freemasonry, for which a hearty vote of thanks was proposed and carried by acclamation. Good wishes were offered from brethren representing several lodges, and ultimately the lodge was closed in due form.

SUFFOLK.

IPSWICH.—*British Union Lodge* (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 14th. There was not a large muster of the brethren, owing no doubt to the inclemency of the weather. This being the night for the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler. Bro. Dr. Beaumont R.N., Senior Warden, was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Schulen re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Geo. Spalding Tyler. Bro. Emma Holmes P.G. Reg. pursuant to notice rose, to speak on his motion respecting the reduction of subscriptions of non-resident members, and called attention to an able letter in *The Freemason* on the subject. He had intended to move that brethren residing beyond twenty miles should pay half the usual subscription, but finding through the courtesy of the Secretary, Bro. W. Spalding, that a large proportion of the brethren resided beyond that distance he was willing to make the limit 50 miles. In view of this alteration in the motion, and there being so few present he would venture to submit the matter for the consideration of the brethren, and would, if they saw fit, postpone the motion, until the next regular meeting. Bro. Bobby, P.M., remarked that anything brought before the lodge by so well-known a Mason as Bro. Emma Holmes was worthy of their attention and he thought that his motion had better stand over till next meeting, so that the brethren might have an opportunity of

considering it in its altered form. The W.M., Bro. Long, said that he was at first disposed to oppose Bro. Holmes motion as it originally stood but after the remarks he had made, he thought it was well worthy of consideration. Bro. Cornell's motion for the formation of a Lodge of Instruction in connection with this lodge was carried. An Officer of the Dragoons having been proposed for initiation, and the other business of the lodge having been transacted, it was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren retired for refreshment.

Royal Arch.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

WARRINGTON.—*Chapter of Elias Ashmole* (No. 148).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the chapter rooms on Monday, 11th. Sept., present, Comps. D. W. Finney, M.E.Z.; W. Monop, H.; W. Richardson, J.; John Bowes, P.Z., Prov. G.S.B.; W. S. Hawkins, E.; James Jackson, N., P.J.; Edelsten as P.S., and a large number of companions. The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes read and approved. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Reid, Barlow, Wright and Sanderson, which being favourable they were exalted by Comp. John Bowes, the symbolic and historic lectures being given respectively by the M.E.Z. and H. There being no further business, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

LIVERPOOL.—*West Lancashire Lodge* (No. 65).—The usual two-monthly meeting of this lodge of Mark Masons was held on Monday evening, the 4th instant, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Peter M. Larsen, P.M., acting as W.M., supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. J. R. Goepel, P.M. and Treas.; T. Ashmore, S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; J. Wood, Secretary; H. Nelson, M.O.; W. Doyle, J.O.; J. C. Lunt, S.D.; M. Mawson, J.D.; J. E. Jackson, I.G.; P. Ball, Tyler; C. Leighton, Organist, and a full attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened at six o'clock, after which the minutes were read and confirmed unanimously, and a brother was ballotted for. Bro. T. Ashmore, W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Larsen, by Bros. Hamer and Goepel, for installation, and the ceremony was performed in a highly effective manner. The W.M. afterwards appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. J. Taylor, S.W.; H. Nelson, J.W.; J. R. Goepel, P.M. as Treas. (re-appointed); J. Wood, Sec. (re-appointed for the third time); W. Shortis, M.O.; J. C. Lant, S.O.; M. Mawson, J.O.; J. E. Jackson, Chap.; C. H. Hill, Reg. of Marks; R. Dawson, I.G.; J. Hayes and C. Tyrer, Stewards; J. K. Smith, P.M., as Dir. of Cers.; and P. Ball, re-elected as Tyler. The officers were severally addressed by Bro. Hamer, and the brethren generally by Bro. Larsen, the installing Master. Bro. Plaw, being in attendance, was admitted, being properly prepared and duly obligated, the interesting ceremony being performed by the newly installed W.M. A letter of condolence was adopted and ordered to be sent by the Sec. to Bro. T. Clark, I.P.M., as a mark of sympathy with him upon the death of his wife. After four brethren had been proposed for exaltation, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. Harmony and good feeling were the order of the evening.

In the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, held at the Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-street, the fifteen sections will be worked, Bro. Hawkins, P.M. Doric Lodge, in the chair.

Mr. T. G. Fermor Hesketh, second son of the late Bro. Sir Thomas G. Fermor Hesketh, Bart. M.P., R.W.P.G.M. for W.L., of Rufford Hall, has been placed on the Commission of the Peace for the county of Lancaster.

Masonic Tidings.

The *Suffolk Chronicle* thus speaks of the late Mayor of Ipswich, Bro. G. G. Sampson, who has been four times Mayor of the old town, dignified as the birthplace of the great Cardinal Wolsey, to whom, by the way, no statue has yet been erected:—"This day witnessed the usual municipal ceremonies. The outgoing Mayor retired with *eclat*—the incoming was greeted with applause. Mr. Sampson has for two years been a most industrious, painstaking, devoted public servant. His ubiquity has been something patriotic. It involved more than a dashing drive, for time is money, and Mr. Sampson is a professional gentleman whose time is, apart from official duties, pretty well taken up. The highest office in the town he has worthily, loyally, and honourably discharged; and we should not do our duty did we withhold this testimony to the value of his services." Bro. Sampson (who is one of the oldest medical practitioners in Ipswich, and so famous in this neighbourhood as a whip and owner of fine cattle, "that a certain well-known novelist introduced him, it is said, into one of her novels as the doctor with the unprofessional high-steppers," has been a Freemason a great many years, but has latterly almost withdrawn from Masonry. He was dubbed a Knight Templar in the Encampment of Prudence some years since.

GALLANT CONDUCT OF A NOBLEMAN.—We learn from the *Peterboro Advertiser* that shortly after midnight on Sunday, the inmates of and persons residing in the neighbourhood of Duncricht-house were awakened by the ringing of the alarm bell on the house. On going out they heard that the west wing of the building was on fire. Supplies of water were got from the cisterns on the tower and a fountain, and efforts were made to subdue the flames. Lord Lindsay was one of the first at the scene of the disaster. When the fire was at about its worst, it became known that a lady's-maid was sleeping in the part which was on fire. Lord Lindsay made his way through fire and smoke to where she was, and they had both just reached a safe position when the roof fell in with a loud crash. Had it not been for Lord Lindsay's courageous conduct, the maid would have perished. After raging for upwards of four hours the flames were subdued, but not before the wing was reduced to a total wreck. The part of the building destroyed was three stories high, and consisted of the ladies'-maids' rooms, the butler's rooms, and pantries; fortunately it contained nothing of special value. The damage done is estimated at about £1,000. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been over-heating of the warming pipes in the wing, and the crackling of the wood by the flames was the first indication that the butler had of the presence of fire. Duncricht-house is the beautiful Scottish residence of Lord Lindsay, and is situated about 11 miles west of Aberdeen. Lord Lindsay, as many of our readers know, is a distinguished Freemason. He has been appointed Senior Grand Warden of England, is a member of the 31° A and A Rite, holds the high office of Grand Sub-Prior of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, and is also one of the highest officers in the Masonic Order of Rome and Constantine.

We recently noticed, in connection with the Mark Masons of Cheshire, that a new Mark Lodge called the Stamford, No. 148, had been opened at the Town Hall, Altrincham, and we are glad to record it has met with great success under the able Mastership of Bro. James Arthur Birch, who is well supported by his officers, Bros. Captain Robert McDonald Smith, as S.W.; Captain James Walker, J.W.; and Richard Newhouse, Secretary. In furtherance of the new province the brethren of the Stamford Lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday last for the purpose of advancing Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.M. elect for Cheshire, and on Friday the 15th, the brethren of the Joppa Lodge, Birkenhead, met and elected Bro. Egerton as a joining member, and at the same time elected him W.M. of that lodge for the ensuing year. As soon as possible after his installation, the officers of the new province will be chosen. We are glad to learn that Bro. Newhouse has been offered and accepted the Secretaryship.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 29, 1872.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

SATURDAY, Nov. 23.

Red Cross Conclave, No. 3, Rose and Lily, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
Surrey Masonic Hall Company (Limited), Green Coat Schools, Camberwell; meeting of Shareholders at 7 p.m.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.
Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Bridge House Hotel, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.

MONDAY, Nov. 25.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis' Rooms, St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 831, British Oak, Beaumont Hall, Beaumont-square, Mile-end.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7. Ceremony of Installation by Bro. C. Lacey, P.M.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, Nov. 26.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis' Rooms, St. James.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 180, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, Preceptor.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
Florence Nighamgate Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, (50), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-cou's, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M., 180, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 27.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.

Lodge 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.

" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerly, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, Nov. 28.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall at 12; see advt.

Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.

" 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.

" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern Gresham-st.

" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.

" 766, William Preston, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.

" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.

" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-st., Deptford.

Chap. 5, St. George's Freemasons' Hall.

" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.

" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.

The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall-Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London, st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

FRIDAY, Nov. 29.

Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement See advertisement.

K. T. Encampment, No. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

Stability Lodge of Instruction, (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggenidge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's-lane, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

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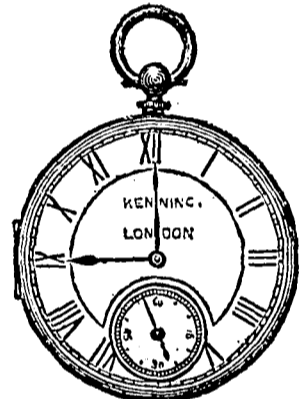
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